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REMARKS

Claims 7-8 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-6, and 9-20 have been canceled.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 7-8 have been allowed. Applicant notes that claims 1-6 and 9-20 have been canceled. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims presently pending are in condition for immediate allowance.

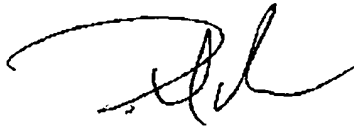
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 7-8, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Minh Toan T. Ton, Group Art Unit # 2871 at fax number (703) 872-9318 this 14th day of October, 2003.



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